

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Phillip Kossin

Docket No.: KOS 0001P

Title: WEATHERPROOF AND WATERTIGHT DIGITAL ELECTRONIC
CAMERA, INCLUDING A SOLID OR FLUID-FILLED
DIGITAL CAMERA OPERATING AT GREAT DEPTHS

VERIFIED STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.27
OF STATUS AS A SMALL ENTITY

I, Phillip Kossin, an individual, hereby declare that:

1. I am an independent inventor.

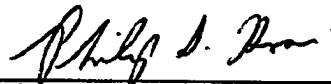
2. I am the inventor named in the above-identified patent application entitled WEATHERPROOF AND WATERTIGHT DIGITAL ELECTRONIC CAMERA, INCLUDING A SOLID OR FLUID-FILLED DIGITAL CAMERA OPERATING AT GREAT DEPTHS and am the owner of said application and invention.

3. I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9, Subsection (c) in that I a) have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and b) am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not likewise be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a non-profit organization under said §1.9.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

31 May 1999

Date



Signature of Phillip Kossin

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PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Philip Kossin, hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **WEATHERPROOF AND WATERTIGHT DIGITAL ELECTRONIC CAMERA, INCLUDING A SOLID OR FLUID-FILLED DIGITAL CAMERA OPERATING AT GREAT DEPTHS**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application for any patent(s) issued thereon.

I hereby appoint as my attorney with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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